

February 6, 2003

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 98-147, and 96-98

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, the Competitive Telecommunications Association ("CompTel") hereby gives notice that on February 5, 2003, its representative had a telephone conversation with Lisa Zaina, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein. In our conversation, CompTel explained that competitive carriers would be impaired in their ability to serve mass market customers without access to unbundled local switching. CompTel also explained that the best way to distinguish between "mass market" customers and enterprise customers would be to determine impairment with respect to all analog loops, but that access to DS1 and above level loops was not necessary for competitors to serve mass market customers. Similarly, CompTel explained that if the Commission were to require a carrier seeking an EEL combination to also have interconnection trunks with the ILEC, then carriers' carriers should qualify if their underlying carrier customer has such interconnection trunks.

Representing CompTel was the undersigned attorney.

Sincerely,

/s/

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